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1. COMMENTING ON THE MARCH 16 STATEMENT BY AMBASSADOR RICHARDSON WHICH THE MEBASSY HAD TRANSMITTED EARLIER TO THE MFA, A RESPONSIBLE WORKING-LEVEL OFFICIAL POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS HELPFUL, ESPECIALLY SINCE IT WAS MODERATE IN TONE AND UNDERLINED THE INTEREST OF THE US IN ACHIEVING AN LOS AGREEMENT. HE ADDED THAT IT WAS ALSO GREECE'S MAIN OBJECTIVE THAT AN AGREEMENT BE REACHED WHICH WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE TO ALL THE STATES PARTICIPATING IN THE LOS NEGOTIATIONS. HE NOTED THAT GREECE'S OWN INTEREST IN MOST OF THE MAJOR OUTSTANDING ISSUES -- SUCH AS THE DEEP SEABED -- IS ESSENTIALLY PERIPHERAL. THEREFORE, HE CONTINUED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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GREECE WOULD SEEK AT THE GENEVA SESSION TO FACILITATE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE COMPROMISES NECESSARY FOR BRINGING THE DIVERGENT SIDES TOGETHER.

2. THE GREEK DELEGATION WILL BE HEADED BY FORMER DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER CONSTANTINE STAVROPOULOS (WHO NOW HAS THE TITLE OF HONORARY AMBASSADOR). AMBASSADOR

TOULOUPAS IS THE SECOND RANKING MEMBER OF THE
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